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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/656,736	CLEARY ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	Anna Gofman	1771

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 February 2006.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 27-32 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 27-32 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____

Detailed Action

1. The Examiner has carefully considered Applicant's response filed December 7, 2005. The rejection of claims 27-32 has been maintained.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior office action.

Oath/Declaration

The requirement of a new oath or declaration is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claim 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USPN 6295925 issued to Sarni et al. in view of GB 1060689. **(as set forth in paragraph 5 of the previous office action).**

Although Applicant has amended claim 27 to include “zones” instead of “means” in line 6, Sarni et al. meets this limitation since as stated in the previous office action that “the web of material proceeds through a number of printing and drying sections” (par.5) which the Examiner interprets to be equivalent to said zones.

Further, the nip rollers and serpentine rolls inherently serve to reduce tension in the fabric. According to Applicant's specification, serpentine rolls as well as forming a nip between two rolls work to “isolate tension”, which Applicant defines as “a means for reducing tension on the fabric” (pg.4 par.0032). Rejection is maintained.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed on December 7, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for the reasons set forth. Applicant argues that neither of the references teach a tension isolation means which would reduce tension on the sheet. This argument is not persuasive because Applicant's specification clearly teaches that serpentine rolls and nip rolls serve to isolate tension on the sheet. Since Sarni et al. teach the use of nip rolls and GB 1060689 teach serpentine rolls, both would inherently "isolate tension". Thus, the rejections are maintained.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In addition to the references provided by Applicant, the following documents are considered pertinent to Applicant's invention:

Mays et al. (US 4,713,134) teach adjusting the tension up or down depending on whether a higher bulk fabric or a fabric having less shrinkage is desired (col.2 ln.10-19).

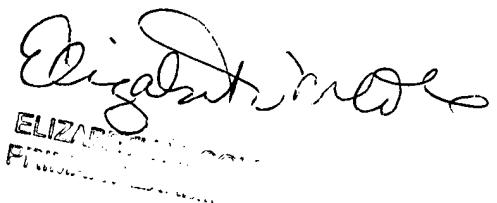
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anna Gofman whose telephone number is (571) 272-7419. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on (571) 272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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